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EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT GUATEMALA 1327 ACTION SECSTATE 18 FEB 76.

QUOTE

S E C R E T GUATEMALA 1327

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DEPT PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP(KISSINGER, HENRY A), GT
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GUATEMALA

REF: GUATEMALA 1307

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

1.ONCE YOU HAVE HAD TIME TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE
DESCRIBED REFTEL WITH THE SECRETARY, I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL
IF YOU COULD GIVE ME A ROUGH IDEA OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY IN THE HELICOPTER TOUR OF
DEVASTATED AREA.

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2. THE MILGROUP HERE WILL BE BRINGING IN A TWIN ENGINE HELICOPTER FOR THE SECRETARY WHICH WILL SEAT EIGHT PASSENGERS. WITH HALF OF THESE SEATS RESERVED FOR PRESIDENT LAUGERUD, AND HALF FOR US, WE WOULD HAVE FOUR SEATS WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD BE FILLED BY THE SECRETARY, A SECRET SERVICE MAN, YOURSELF AND MYSELF. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITATION OF SPACE AND THE DESIRABILITY OF OFFERING THE GUATEMALANS EQUAL SPACE ON THE SECRETARY'S HELICOPTER, I BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE NOT TO INCLUDE THE SECRETARY'S INTERPRETER. THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. THE OTHER FIVE US MILITARY SINGLE ENGINE HELICOPTERS PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY WILL ALSO EACH SEAT EIGHT. ONE OF THESE WOULD BE USED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AND AN ADDITIONAL TWO WOULD BE RESERVED FOR THE AMERICAN PRESS OF WHOM 15 ARE LISTED IN STATE 03641. THE GUATEMALAN PRESS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN A GOG HELICOPTER.

3. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, WHICH INTER ALIA WILL HELP US TO DEAL IN SPECIFICS WITH THE GOG AND THE SECRET SERVICE ADVANCE PARTY.
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